



File Code: 1950

Date: January 25, 2016

Dear Interested Party,

The Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Dungeness Large Wood Enhancement Project is now available for a 30-day comment period. The Olympic National Forest and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe are proposing to implement a restoration project to improve fish habitat within the Dungeness and Gray Wolf Rivers. Log jams would be constructed in four separate reaches of the Dungeness and Gray Wolf Rivers on National Forest System lands, between approximately river mile (RM) 13.4 to 14.2 on the Dungeness River and RM 0.4 to 2.0 on the Gray Wolf River. Approximately fifteen strategically located log jams will be placed along the four reaches of the rivers and three existing log jams would be stabilized.

Approximately 120 second growth trees, ranging from 18 to 27 inches in diameter would be removed, with roots attached, to provide the necessary large woody material for the project. The trees would be removed from within the Canyon Creek drainage, off of Forest Road 2878.

The project area is located on the Hood Canal Ranger District of the Olympic National Forest, in Clallam County, Washington. The legal location of the project is: T29N, R3W, Sections 19, 30, 31, and T29N, R4W, Sections 24, 27, 36, Willamette Meridian. Anyone wishing to review the project file or obtain additional information on the project should contact the project lead listed below. The EA and supporting documents can be viewed at the Olympic National Forest website:

http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43811

YOUR INVOLVEMENT

Comments from the public concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of a notice in *Peninsula Daily News*, Port Angeles, WA, the official newspaper of record. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a manner that they are useful to the agency. Therefore comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and comments. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect a reviewer's ability to participate in the subsequent objection period or judicial review. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the respondent with standing to participate in subsequent objection period or judicial review.



How to Comment and Timeframe

Comments must be submitted in a timely manner in writing, orally, or electronically to the responsible official, Dean Yoshina, Hood Canal District Ranger, through Bob Metzger, project lead, at Olympic National Forest, Supervisor's Office, 1835 Black Lake Blvd. SW, Olympia, WA 98512, or call 360-956-2293. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments can also be provided to project lead listed above, only during normal business hours via telephone or in person. Comments can be faxed to 360-956-2330.

Electronic comments may be submitted online via the project webpage.

http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43811

On the project website within the "Get Connected" group to the right click on "Comment on Project" and follow on-screen instructions for submitting comments. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

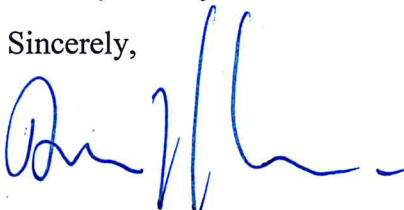
It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments by electronic means to ensure that their comments have been received. Each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

No decision has been made at this time. Prior to a decision notice being issued for this project, it will be subject to objection pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 218. Individuals or organizations who submit timely comments may be eligible to object by meeting the requirements of 36 CFR 218.8.

I'd like to encourage you to review and comment on this project. If you have questions regarding this project or would like to obtain an electronic or hard copy of the EA, please contact Bob Metzger, project lead, at the number listed above or by email at rpmetzger@fs.fed.us. Thank you for your continued interest in the Dungeness Large Wood Enhancement Project.

Thank you for your interest in the Olympic National Forest.

Sincerely,



DEAN YOSHINA
District Ranger

cc: Dean Yoshina, Marc McHenry, Bob Metzger